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| <b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)<br/>FY 2006</b><br>Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818.)   |                                | Docket Number<br><br>024018.00002 |  |
| Application Number<br>10/601,668  |                                | Filed<br>June 24, 2003            |  |
| For <b>MICROBE CULTURE CONTAINING MICROBES HAVING DIFFERENT CHARACTERS LIVING IN SYMBIOSIS WITH EACH OTHER AND METABOLITES THEREFROM, CARRIER AND ABSORBING MATERIAL CONTAINING THE ACTIVE INGREDIENTS OF THE CULTURE AND UTILIZATION THEREOF</b> |                                |                                   |  |
| Art Unit<br>1651  | Examiner<br>L.B. LANKFORD, Jr. | Confirmation No. 1577             |  |

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application for three (3) month(s) from November 19, 2006 to January 19, 2007.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

|  | <u>Fee</u> | <u>Small Entity Fee</u> |                   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))               | \$120      | \$60                    | \$ _____          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))              | \$450      | \$225                   | \$ _____          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) | \$1020     | \$510                   | \$ <u>1020.00</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))             | \$1590     | \$795                   | \$ _____          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))             | \$2160     | \$1080                  | \$ _____          |

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- ☐ **Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.**
- ☒ The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any over payment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300. Enclosed is a duplicate copy of this sheet.

**Warning:** Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

I am the ☐ applicant/inventor  
☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.  
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96).  
☒ attorney or agent of record. Registration No. 44,751.  
☐ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34.  
Registration Number is acting under 37 CFR 1.34 \_\_\_\_\_.

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| Signature<br>                            |   |
| Typed or Printed Name<br>Dawn C. Russell | 01/22/2007 SZEWDIE1 00000145 012300 10601668<br>01 FC:1253 1020.00 DA |
| Date<br>January 19, 2007                 | Telephone<br>202-857-6000   |

**NOTE:** Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representatives(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below\*.

☒ \*Total of 2 form(s) are submitted.